



WEBSTER

HYDRO GAS COMPANY

P. O. BOX 3737 GLENSTONE STATION
2400 EAST BENNETT STREET

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI 65804

July 26, 1974

Charles H. Criswell
Associate Sanitary Engineer
Water Pollution Control
City Hall
830 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, Mo. 65802

Dear Mr. Criswell:

We are in receipt of your letter of July 22, 1974, informing us of a violation that Webster Oil maintenance personnel made in regard to flushing of undesirable fluids into the street.

I apologize for the action on the part of our personnel. I was not aware that this situation was taking place. If I had been aware it would not have occurred. Please be advised that our maintenance people have been talked to and we can assure you that there will be no violations in the future.

Please accept our apologies for this unfortunate situation.

Very truly yours,

James H. Dowell
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Mr. James H. Dowell
Vice-President and General Manager
Webster Oil and Gas Company
2400 East Bennett Street
Springfield, Missouri 65804

Dear Mr. Dowell:

On Friday, July 19, 1974, City Sewer Maintenance personnel working in the area discovered a quantity of what was apparently a petroleum product pooled near the intersection of Hampton Avenue and Latoka Street. Investigation by Surveillance and Enforcement followed and a path of discoloration was easily traced back to the Bollinger Service Station, 1933 South National Avenue. Mr. Jim Bollinger was contacted and he informed me that personnel from Webster Oil had been flushing an old tank out with water and that old gasoline remaining in the tank had been flushed out.

I advised Mr. Bollinger of the provisions of the Federal Law regarding the reporting of spillage, namely that the owner or operator of any facility, as soon as he has knowledge of a discharge from such facility, shall immediately report such spillage to the proper U.S. Government Agency. (Region VII Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) Failure to report such spillage may be punishable by a fine of \$10,000. This is in addition to any fines that may be assessed for damages or for violation of any other provisions of City, State or Federal Laws.

If, as was asserted, this discharge was caused at least in part by activities of your personnel, you need to meet with them to advise them of the provisions of Water Pollution Laws at all levels of jurisdiction. I would suggest that you instigate a Standard Operating Procedure which includes precautionary and procedural aspects of dealing with spillage of petroleum products, including the reporting of such spillage. Any discharge should be reported to this office (enclosed please find my card with number), the Regional Office of the Missouri Clean Water Commission, Springfield, 883-4033 (Jim Burris, Regional Engineer), and the Environmental Protection Agency, Kansas City, 816-374-3778 (Oil and Hazardous Substances Branch).

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I would appreciate receiving your written comments on the above matter within seven (7) days. If we may be of further assistance or can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,

Charles H. Criswell
Associate Sanitary Engineer
Water Pollution Control

CHC:cc

cc: Mr. Jim Bollinger, Bollinger Service Station
Mr. Jim Burris, Regional Engineer, Missouri Clean Water Commission

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